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SUBJ: HAITIAN DEPORTEES FROM BAHAMAS

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1. DR. J. MORGER RECENTLY RETURNED TO NASSAU AND EMB OFFICER DISCUSSED PARA 1 OF REF (B) WITH HIM. MORGER STATED THAT HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE INDICATING HAITIAN DEPORTEES FROM THE BAHAMAS HAVE BEEN MISTREATED IN ANY WAY BY BAHAMIAN OFFICIALS.

2. WHEN A HAITIAN HAS BEEN APPREHENDED AND IS TO BE DEPORTED, THE HAITIAN IS TAKEN TO HER MAJESTY'S PRISON AT FOX HILL UNTIL THE TIME OF DEPORTATION. WHEN A PERSON ENTERS THE PRISON ALL PERSONAL ITEMS POSSESSED BY THE PERSON, SUCH AS MONEY, ARE RECORDED. UPON DEPARTURE FROM THE PRISON, THE PERSON SIGNS FOR AND RECEIVES ALL PROPERTY PREVIOUSLY RECORDED.

3. MORGER HAS PERSONALLY CHECKED PRISON RECORDS REGARDING REFUGEES TO DETERMINE IF MONEY OR OTHER PROPERTY MAY HAVE BEEN WITHHELD FROM THEM BY BAHAMIAN AUTHORITIES AND FOUND NO CASE WHERE AN ARRESTED PERSON DID NOT RECEIVE ALL PROPERTY GIVEN TO PRISON OFFICIALS AT TIME OF ARREST.

4. MORGER ADDED THAT WHEN A HAITIAN IS APPREHENDED AND IS TAKEN TO PRISON OTHER HAITIANS QUICKLY LEARN OF THE ARREST AND WILL INEVITABLY STEAL ALL POSSESSIONS THAT THE ARRESTED
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HAITIAN HAS LEFT IN HIS DWELLING.

5. IF EMBASSY HAS ADDITIONAL PROBATIVE INFORMATION REGARDING ALLEGATIONS THAT BAHAMIAN OFFICIALS HAVE TAKEN MONEY OR POSSESSIONS OF HAITIANS PRIOR TO DEPORTATION, WE WILL PURSUE MATTER FURTHER.

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